

August 27 2021 - Edition #508

Mark your calendar - Belknap Mill's Duck Derby is coming!
More details on page three...



Absentee Ballot Application Forms Are Now Available!

The Municipal Primary Election is set for September 14, 2021. Polls are open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Absentee ballots can be requested through the City Clerk's Office, or by clicking [here](#).

Completed applications can be dropped off to the Clerk's Office, faxed to 524-1766, emailed to cityclerk@laconianh.gov, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, September 13, 2021 in order for your vote to count. Visit the [Secretary of State's](#) website to track your ballot. You can verify receipt of your application, the date your absentee ballot was mailed to you, the date the Clerk receives your completed absentee ballot, and after the election learn if your absentee ballot was rejected/not counted and why. Please contact the City Clerk at 527-1265 if you have questions regarding the information on tracking your ballot.

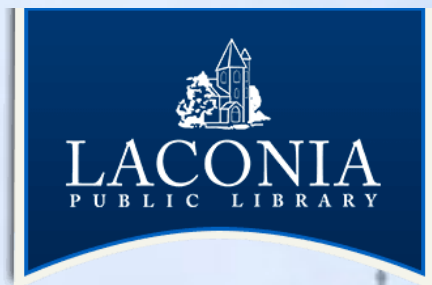
Welcome to Laconia Links!

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at 527-1270 or email us at info@laconianh.gov.



Ward 2 Poll Workers Needed!

We are looking for election workers for the Municipal Primary and General Elections. These are paid positions. If you are interested, please call the City Clerk's Office at 527-1265 and ask to speak with City Clerk Cheryl Hebert. You must be a registered voter in Ward 2.



Laconia Public Library Events and Programs



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Begins September 1st!

The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. Does it sound hard? Not really if you think about it. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think (so get started!). Sign up in the Children's Room to receive all you need to get started!

<https://www.laconianh.gov/1150/1000-Books-Before-Kindergarten>

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!**

"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories."

— MARLEY DIAS, Library Card
Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair



It's Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Check out our website for more information about signing up for library cards [here](#).

And for information for new patrons, please click [here](#).



Please also visit our new exhibit in the Upper Exhibit Gallery, The History of Public Libraries.

There's a preview on Facebook <https://fb.watch/7C3VQobYji/>, but patrons are welcomed to come to see it during the Library's open hours.



TONIGHT

Rebel Collective to perform for the Belknap Mill's Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series

Friday, August 27th at 6:00 pm, Rebel Collective will be the featured performer for the Belknap Mill's 2021 Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series in Rotary Riverside Park!

Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs, a blanket, and a picnic dinner for a wonderful evening of live music at the Belknap Mill. The Rebel Collective is a New England based Irish/American pub rock/Celtic Folk-Punk band formed by two cousins, Michael Green and Brian Waldron. With their own booze-soaked style, The Rebel Collective pulls songs from both popular and lesser-known traditional Irish songs, contemporary covers, and original compositions. The band refers to themselves as a collective because on any given night the band may consist of many different musicians.

With Michael Green and Brian Waldron as founders and Ross Ketchum joining shortly after to create the central hub, the rest of the band fills in with more family, friends, and new faces each night, creating a different experience every performance while maintaining a familiar sound.

The Belknap Mill's 2021 Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by founding sponsors The Laconia Putnam Fund and media sponsors, Lakes FM 101.5, 104.9 The Hawk, and 107.3 The Pulse. For more information about upcoming performances please visit our website www.belknapmill.org.



5th Annual Riverside Duck Derby

Saturday, October 16th 2021

Mark Your
CALENDAR

The Belknap Mill's COMMUNITY FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
12:00-4:00PM

Visit tables from local organizations and clubs to learn what they have coming up in 2022!



Do you have an organization or group that wants to have a table at our upcoming Community Fest? **Contact us** for the details!



Public Works Dept.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS ON CURBSIDE COLLECTION ROUTES

**Labor Day Holiday:
Monday, September 6th
Solid Waste Collection Delay**

The Labor Day holiday is
Monday, September 6th.
There will be **A ONE (1) DAY DELAY** in
curbside collection during that week;
Monday collections will be on Tuesday,
Tuesday collections will be on
Wednesday, etc.

**Any questions, please call DPW
at 528-6379.**



CITY OF LACONIA SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST NOTICE OF SESSION

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 from 7 to 7:30 pm at Laconia City Hall, City Clerk's Office for the purpose of making corrections/changes to the checklist. Registrations and changes will be accepted at this session.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Marilyn Brown, Ward 1
Marie Clark, Ward 2
David Stamps, Ward 3
Amber Flanders, Ward 4
Christine Callahan, Ward 5
Lynda Brock, Ward 6



Testing of the AccuVote Ballot
Counting Devices to be used in
all Wards for the September 14,
2021, Municipal Primary Election
will be conducted on

Thursday, September 2, 2021, at City Hall in the City
Clerk's Office beginning at 9:00 a.m. Testing will continue
until completed with a break from 11 am until noon.

This testing is open to the public for observation in
accordance with RSA 656:42.



City Hall will be
closed on
Monday,
September 6,
2021 in observance
of Labor Day

We apologize for any inconvenience
this may cause.



Important Notice

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS LACONIA TRANSFER STATION WILL BE CLOSED

**Monday, September 6th
in observance of
Labor Day**



Jobs for Seniors

The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor
The NH State SCSEP Program is administered by
N.H. Department of Resources & Economic Development – Office of Workforce Opportunity
and Operated by: Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.
2 Industrial Park Drive, P.O. Box 1016
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1016

Please call us for more information—603-225-3295 or in NH 1-800-856-5525

- Are you age 55 or over?
- Are you presently unemployed?
- Are you living on a limited budget?
- Are you a year round resident of NH?
- Develop new skills and talents toward alternate career opportunities
- Enhance work experience through exposure to various jobs during enrollment
- Gain real job experience
- 20 hours of wages per week
- Annual physical exam
- Supportive Services
- Community Action Program (CAP) SCSEP serves Belknap, Merrimack, and Rockingham Counties

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603-225-3295 or 1-800-856-5525
Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request. TDD/TTY Access: RELAY NH 1-800-735-2964

Saxxx Roxxx FREE CONCERT

PRESENTED BY...

WEIRS COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY NIGHT - August 27th at 6:00pm!

*Classic Rock & Roll, Sassy Saxophone,
Gritty Riffs and Sweet Harmonies!*

• OUTDOOR
AMPHITHEATER

• BRING LAWN
CHAIRS!

• FREE PARKING



• COMFORTABLE
SOUND SYSTEM

• IF INCLEMENT
WEATHER, WILL BE
MOVED INDOORS

Weirs Community Park • 49 Lucerne Ave, Laconia
Behind the Weirs Fire Department • 524-5046



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SOCIETY OF LACONIA



On Saturday, September 11th members of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, in partnership with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club, are collecting recyclable plastic from

11 AM until 1:30 PM in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant Street.

We can all help this recycling activity now by starting to save soft plastics and not throw them into the trash.

We ARE collecting clean plastic bags and wrappers, plastic grocery bags, pet food bags, vegetable bags (potatoes, carrots, celery, rice, etc.), bubble-wrap, air packing bags, bread bags, wraps from around 6-pack cans of juice and dry-cleaning bags.

We ARE NOT collecting hard plastic or rigid containers.

Why is this important? Plastic bags that are not recycled end up in landfills or in the sea contaminating our drinking water and seafood with microplastics and dangerous chemicals. Plastics also are burned releasing toxins into our atmosphere.

Thanks to you, our greater Laconia community, in the past two events we have collected just shy of 700 (seven-hundred) lbs. of soft plastics which were sent to a manufacturer of composite decking and outdoor furniture in Maine to be repurposed. Every bit of plastic saved and collected helps protect all life and living on Earth.

Collection will follow COVID-Safe practices: Collectors will be wearing masks and socially distanced. Drop offs need to be done by "mask wearers".



Belknap Mill's Annual

**SOCK
HOP**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 10TH
6-8 PM**

FEATURING ROCKIN' DADDIOS



CLASSIC CARS | LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCK | DANCING



BELKNAP MILL | 603-524-8813 | WWW.BELKNAPMILL.ORG



NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY

MORE THAN A CENTURY CARING FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

Meet This Week's Featured Pets!

Meet Jimmy G: A 4 year old neutered male domestic long hair

Jimmy G is the name and being absolutely AWESOME is the game! Handsome, confident, loving, could you ask for anything better?

My perfect home would just be me and my human companion, I can be picky with other animals and younger kids. I had to be shaved when I first came in, so my lion look is slowly fading, but my fierceness will live on forever even with a full long coat.



Jimmy G

Meet Sunny: A 4 year old spayed female mixed breed

Meet Ms. Sunny! Just as her name sounds, Sunny has a vibrant and fun personality. She is sweet, social, and playful! This gorgeous girl is looking for a home that understands the balance between time to party and time to relax, so things don't become too over-stimulating.

She is food motivated and likes a good snuggle. With that though, she can be uncomfortable with restraint, so she will need continued positive associations to build her tolerance.

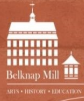


Sunny

Are you interested in either one of this week's featured pets?

Please complete and submit an application on-line!

Also, please visit our website to view all of our adoptable animals looking to find their "forever" homes and visit our Facebook page for our latest news. Questions? Please contact us at 524-3252.



The Belknap Mill invites you to

LACONIA'S FRANCO-AMERICAN HERITAGE

EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Join us to meet the authors

TUESDAY SEPT. 14 | 5:00PM-7:00PM
FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL - MASKS REQUIRED



POWERHOUSE THEATRE COLLABORATIVE



A PROGRAM OF THE BELKNAP MILL

AUDITIONS OUR TOWN

Our Town audition details for adults
16+ and kids 10-15 are now
available on our website
(please click below):

<https://www.belknapmill.org/powerhouse-auditions>



Fledglings
Nature-Based Preschool
at *Prescott Farm*

We have spots
remaining for 2021-22
school year!

Drop-In Open House
Thursday, September 2
1:30-3 pm & 4-5:30 pm

FMI or to schedule an alternate time:
Courtney Coppi
ccoppi@prescottfarm.org
603-366-5695

PRESENTED BY

Atlas

WEIRS BEACH

2021 SUMMER FIREWORKS

WEIRS BEACH | LACONIA, NH

FREE ADMISSION

Does not include parking owned by the City of Laconia
Beach opens for viewing at 7pm

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 5TH
9:30PM**

Laconia
CITY ON THE LAKES
NEW HAMPSHIRE

North Water Marine
LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE

Mid 94.1
106.7

Please join us for our last
fireworks show
of this summer season!
We'll see you next year!

Our yesterdays

Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past.....



THEN . . .

The new Central Garage and McIntyre Block on Water Street, Laconia, are seen in 1914 when construction, which had begun in early January 1912, was nearing completion. By early February 1915, the interior of the block was almost completed and the garage was already occupied by a Ford dealer. Spire of Unitarian Church is glimpsed in background at far right. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society, courtesy Michael Brough)



. . . AND NOW

Longtime occupants of the McIntyre Block included Carroll's Barber Shop and Beauty Shop, F.S. Willey and J.J. Morin, as well as the Western Union Telegraph Office and Carroll Drug. This section of Water Street has been a sidewalk and parking lot since the Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s. The 'Shops at Vintage Row' was a promotion in 2014-2015. A Citizens Bank branch (hidden behind the foliage) now occupies the site of the Unitarian Church, which stood there from 1868-1938. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Dr. Sax's Bop Shop to Play at Taylor Community September 26



Dr. Sax's Bop Shop, originally scheduled to perform Aug. 1 for the 2021 Taylor Concert Series, sponsored by Bank of New Hampshire, **has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26** at 3 p.m. under Taylor Community's Woodside Pavilion.

The event features Dr. Sax's Bop Shop, playing soul jazz, blues, swing bebop and original music. Well inspired by the jazz of the 40s, 50s and 60s, the band is led by NYC trained Tenor Saxophonist Jonathan Lorentz and features acclaimed trumpeter Russ Ryan.

All attendees are required to be vaccinated and should plan to bring lawn chairs as the event is outside.

As space is limited, please note reservations are required to attend the socially distanced concert and can be made by calling Brenda at 366-1226 or emailing her at bkean@taylorcommunity.org.



**Lakes Region Planning
Commission (LRPC)
Transportation Technical
Advisory Committee (TAC)
Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021**

The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, September 1, from 2 to 4 pm at the Community Center on Circle Drive in Meredith. The meeting is open to the public, and those who prefer to attend remotely are invited to do so by contacting LRPC prior to the meeting at jbighinatti@lakesrpc.org and a link to the online meeting will be provided.

TAC members will discuss the process for updating the Lakes Region Bicycling and Walking Plan in the coming year. The plan was last published in 2012. Other regional transportation topics will be discussed. The LRPC TAC encourages members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.



Laconia School District

Back Pack & School Supply Give-away!

***** While Supplies Last!! *****

Laconia Middle School

Under the Tent

Wednesday August 25th from 1:00-3:00pm

AND

Thursday September 2nd from 3:00-5:00pm

All students, grades K-12 are welcome. We also have a limited amount of hygiene supplies available.



*Special thanks to The Cereal Heroes
for contributing donations
to this event.*



Click the image (left) to read the Fall 2021 edition of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation's newsletter!



Recycling Collection

Curbside recycling will be picked up the week of August 30, 2021



RECYCLE RIGHT

Never Put Plastic Bags in Your Recycling Bin

THEY GET TANGLED IN THE SORTING EQUIPMENT AT THE RECYCLING CENTER



10TH ANNUAL

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS ONLINE AUCTION

DONATE TODAY!

We are accepting gift cards, products and certificates for local services to auction off. Go to www.lrmhc.org/auction to donate or for more information. Auction is Oct. 13-27.

PRESENTING SPONSOR:



SILVER SPONSORS:



BRONZE SPONSOR:



Help us celebrate 65 years, and continue our mission through a donation to the **Friends of the Foundation Operating Fund**



- A gift of **\$1,065 or more** to ensure that the Foundation's giving will be strong through this millennium
- A gift of **\$565 or more** to memorialize the Foundation's award giving, which was \$579,234.00 in 2021
- A gift of **\$265 or more** to congratulate the Foundation's 292 scholarship recipients this year
- A gift of **\$65 or more** to salute the Foundation's 65 years
- Direct donation of **any amount**

A drop in the bucket....
....A bucket full of support.



Can you spare a drop?

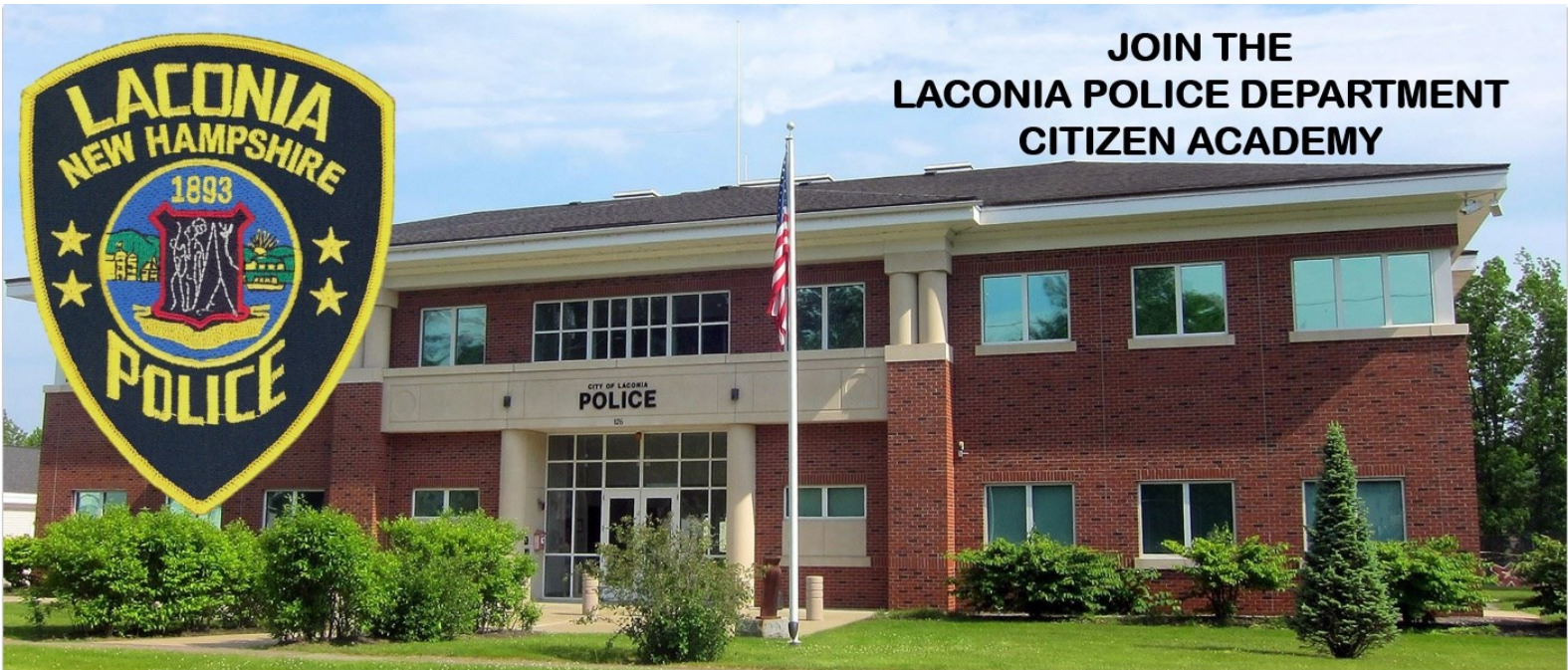
LRSF
PO Box 7312
Gilford, NH 03247

or donate through PayPal by visiting our website.

For donations of \$250 or more, your business logo will be posted on our website for one year, if desired.



JOIN THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN ACADEMY



**SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 17TH
APPLY ONLINE AT WWW.LACONIAPD.ORG**

The Laconia Police Department will be hosting the 12th Annual Citizens Police Academy

The purpose of the Academy is not to teach the public how to be police officers, but to teach them about what we do in our community.

The students will be given classes on state laws, local ordinances and police policy and procedure. They will learn about special duty assignments and what it takes to become a police officer. The students will be given tours of Belknap County Jail, 911 Dispatch Center and the 4th Circuit District Division Laconia Court. The students will also have the opportunity to ride along with officers to get a firsthand glimpse of what it is like to work the streets of our community.

The Academy starts on September 15th and runs every Wednesday night from 6:00 to 9:00 pm until November 17th.

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Officer Eric Adams at 603-524-5257 ext. 356 or at eadams@laconiapd.org to get an application. Applications can also be found on the Laconia Police Department website at www.laconiapd.org under "Become Involved", then click "Citizens Academy".

Any Laconia resident above the age of 18 who is interested in gaining an inside perspective of what it's like to be a police officer is encouraged to apply.

Applications will be accepted until Friday September 3rd 2021.



LEZAMA FAMILY
HAPPY TAILS
DOG PARK

Community Yard Sale
Saturday, September 4
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
At The Lezama Family Happy



Help us celebrate our 3rd Anniversary by showing your support for our off-leash dog park, which hundreds of dogs and owners have been enjoying on a regular basis since September 2018! Start putting items aside now for the Dog Park table at our upcoming yard sale - total proceeds from this table will benefit the Park! Sorry, but no electronics will be accepted for sale. We are seeking drop-off locations for sale items ahead of the yard sale. We are also looking for someone interested in picking up all of the unsold items at the end of the sale. Contact us at info@htdpnh.org for more information.

Vendors and others are also welcome to participate with a \$20 donation. Please note participants must provide their own tables and chairs, and there is no running water or electricity at the park. *Provide the following information to register for a space at the yard sale:* Name, Company (if appropriate), Email Address, Cell Phone, # of 10' x 10' spaces requested @ \$20 per space, and total amount donated. Make checks payable to: *Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region* and mail check and registration to: *P.O. Box 6184, Laconia, NH 03247-6184*. To register using PayPal, go to <http://www.htdpnh.org/donations> to donate, then email your registration information to info@htdpnh.org.

Happy Tails Dog Park of the Lakes Region is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that manages the Lezama Family Happy Tails Dog Park under contract with the City of Laconia, who provides the land. Donations are tax-deductible. The dog park is located at 55 Growth Road, Laconia, located off Hounsell Avenue in Lakes Business Park, Laconia, which can be accessed opposite Pische's Sporting Goods on Gilford Ave. or from Rte. 107.



The City of Laconia Municipal Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 at all six polling locations from 8 am to 6 pm.

All six wards will be narrowing the Mayoral race from three to two candidates and Ward 4 will also be narrowing down the Council seat race from three to two candidates.

Do you have election related questions?
Please call the City Clerk's office at 527-1265.

Prescott Farm
Environmental Education Center

11th Annual Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 11
(10 am — 3 pm)



For more information:

prescottfarm.org

City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall
45 Beacon St. East
Laconia, NH 03246
www.laconianh.gov
info@laconianh.gov



CITY HALL HOURS:
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Monday through Friday

SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center
(603) 528-6945 is the first number
to call for senior services.



nco
national council on aging

Summer isn't over yet, and as the days get hot - there's one question you should be asking: Am I drinking enough water? Find out why hydration is so essential to vibrant good health—and get tips for including more fluids in your diet each day. Click the image (left) to read all about it!



City Meetings

Week of:
August 30 -
Sept. 3, 2021

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](http://www.laconianh.gov). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. **All meetings are now open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber, 45 Beacon St. East, Laconia, NH, unless otherwise noted:**

Licensing Board

September 1, 2021, 12:00 noon
Agenda

Special Events Review Committee:

September 1, 2021, 12:00 noon
Agenda

Laconia Putnam Fund

September 3, 2021, 9:30 am
Room 200B



Most area schools will begin classes soon. Please use extra caution to help keep our community's students safe!



CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

Airport	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk	527-1265
City Clerk - Cheryl Hebert	
City Manager	527-1270
City Manager - Scott Myers	
Code Enforcement	527-1293
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Conservation	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Finance	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing	528-6331
Licensing - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Comm. Dev.	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Dir. - Dean Trefethen	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station)	366-2229
Fire Chief - Kirk Beattie	
Library	524-4775
Library Director - Randy Brough	
Parks & Recreation	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Paula Baumel	
Police (Administration)	524-5257
Police (Crime Line)	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office)	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station) ..	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax	527-1269
Tax Collector - Lindsey Allen	
Water	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

City Council Contact Info:

Mayor Andrew Hosmer	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1)	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2)	524-7054
Henry Lipman (Ward 3)	528-0191
Mark Haynes (Ward 4)	524-3605
Robert Hamel (Ward 5)	524-6360
Tony Felch (Ward 6)	998-1418

General Council E-mail:
citycouncil@laconianh.gov

Visit the City's website at:
www.laconianh.gov